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SUBJECT: CANADIAN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINS UNCHANGED FOR
FOURTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH

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1. SUMMARY. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN JUNE
REMAINED UNCHANGED FOR FOURTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH AT 8.6 PER-
CENT. TOTAL LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT LEVEL FOR ALL MAJOR
AGE/SEX GROUPS INCREASED; NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED DECREASED
SLIGHTLY FROM PREVIOUS MONTH. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO JULY 11 STATCAN RELEASE, SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED UNCHANGED FOR FOURTH
CONSECUTIVE MONTH AT 8.6 PERCENT. LABOR FORCE, SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED, TOTALLED 11,014,000, UP 0.4 PERCENT FROM 10,972,
000 IN MAY. EMPLOYMENT ROSE BY 47,000 TO 10,070,000;
UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL SHOWED SLIGHT DECREASE OF 5,000 FOR TOTAL
OF 944,000. SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED NATIONAL PARTICIPATION RATE
INCREASED BY 0.1 PERCENT TO 62.6 PERCENT - A NEW HIGH.
SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED RATIO OF EMPLOYMENT TO ACTIVE POPULATION
INCREASED BY 0.1 PERCENT TO 57.2 IN JUNE.

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3. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED UNCHANGED FOR PRIME AGE MEN;
DECREASED SLIGHTLY FOR MEN UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE AND FOR
WOMEN OF ALL AGES. PARTICIPATION RATE INCREASED FOR WOMEN
UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE AND DECLINED FOR MEN OF THE SAME AGE
GROUP. FOR MEN OVER 25, PARTICIPATION RATE INCREASED,
WHILE IT SHOWED NO CHANGE FOR WOMEN OF THE SAME AGE GROUP.

4. PROVINCIALY, THE SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL DECREASED IN NEW BRUNSWICK (-4,000) AND QUEBEC (-4,000). THE LEVEL IN THE OTHER PROVINCES SHOWED LITTLE OR NO CHANGE. SEE TABLE BELOW.
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY PROVINCE:

-----	JUNE '78	MAY '78	JUNE '77
NEWFOUNDLAND	17.3	17.9	15.9
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	9.7	10.1	9.1
NOVA SCOTIA	10.7	10.8	10.5
NEW BRUNSWICK	11.6	12.9	12.8
QUEBEC	11.4	11.5	9.8
ONTARIO	7.4	7.5	7.1
MANITOBA	6.6	6.7	5.7
SASKATCHEWAN	5.0	5.3	4.0
ALBERTA	4.7	4.4	4.1

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BRITISH COLUMBIA	7.8	8.0	8.3
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5. ON UNADJUSTED BASIS, UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 8.0 PERCENT IN JUNE, COMPARED TO 8.4 PERCENT FOR MAY 1978 AND 7.5 PERCENT FOR JUNE 1977. TOTAL UNADJUSTED EMPLOYMENT WAS 10.4 MILLION AND UNEMPLOYMENT 903,000.

6. COPIES OF THE STATCAN REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON UNDER CERP TO: STATE (LIBRARY); LABOR (LIBRARY); AND COMMERCE. ENDERS

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